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I disagree with the proposed final judgement in United States v. Microsoft. It does not go far enough in reducing Microsoft's ability to extend their monopoly illegally. Splitting Microsoft into two companies (Applications and Operating Systems) would be an ideal solution, since it would enable applications such as Microsoft Office to be developed for alternate operating systems, allowing them to be competitive with the Windows platform.

In addition, there's a lack of an effective enforcement mechanism. Perhaps an independent committee with investigative powers would be appropriate.

Please reconsider the settlement if at all possible -- as it currently stands, it will impede the progress of freedom, fail to give justice for innovations crushed by the Microsoft machine, and hurt the economy.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

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